

A RUNAWAY CHRISTMAS.

It was Christmas day, and somewhere the other side of Fargo. We had been snow-bound for three days in Montana, or we'd have all been home. At a little station a man got on who was soon talking familiarly. He seemed like an honest man; indeed the domestic detected a childlike note in his character which he suspected might have come from the man's long life close to the great heart of nature. After he found that he could not sell us any lots in Centropolis, he laid aside business and told the following story. We should have doubted parts of it had it not been for the man's intimate association with the great heart of nature. He said:

"Queer place to spend Christmas, gentlemen; but queer things are always happening in a new country. Makes me think of a little occurrence at Christmas-time last year out near where I live. There are a few Scandinavians around there—hang up class of settlers. Honest as the day is long, and guileless as a new born babe. This thing happened out at the Johnson schoolhouse, near where my friend Ole Erickson lives. A few days before Christmas Ole came to me and said:

"You see here, Mr. Jackson—my name is Jackson—you know me in law, old man Ole Olson?"

"Yes, I said."

"Well, hae haf a team of work-horses aye wants to buy, but hae ask too much for 'em. Aye tank aye feex de old yelteman so hae sell de horses sheep. Dares going to be a Christmas tree out at de Yonson schoolhouse—aye going to poot on something nice for heem. Aye tales mae voo-man aye poot on voo cow. Bet mek heem feel good to get a cow. Aye haf voo cow dat vas dry—she doan geef no milk. Aye tales mae voo-man aye poot on dat cow for mae fader-in-law. Dif cow not bees mooch on geefing meek any time—all long legs, long horns, sweech her tail, unt keeck de meek-pail forty rod. Aye says to mae voo-man dat ve keel two birds vid voo-rook—geet reed de old keecker, unt geet de team sheep. Aye tank aye bees unt mae vob all right 'nough!"

"But you can't put a cow on a Christmas tree, can you?"

"Oh, aye, not hang her oop on de tree; aye must tie her to eet."

"So he went off, and afterwards I heard about how it all came out. Ole and his wife took the cow, and just before the thing opened up got to the schoolhouse. 'Ve wants to poot on de cow,' says Ole; but they wouldn't listen to him. But Ole went to be bluffed that way; so he says, 'Tale you vae aye; aye stand de cow behind de schoolhouse unt open de back door a lee-tle unt poot de rook troo de crack unt tie eet to de bottom of de tree.' Some of 'em thought that was hardly the thing, but they agreed to it at last, and he stood the cow outside the back door, which opened out, and ran the rope which was around her horns through the crack and tied it to the tree just above the floor. The tree was a small one, which wasn't strange, as it had come three hundred miles by rail."

"It was a mild night, and the cow cottoned to it all right enough, so Ole and his wife went around front and took their seats with the others. There was the regular exercises that they always have at such contraptions—singing by the Sunday School, speaking by some members of the infant class, and that sort of guff, after which the minister got up and said: 'My friends and brethren and sisters, what a beautiful tree we have here, and what rich fruit it bears! We are, most of us, far away from our former homes, and in a new and untried country. We know not what may be before us for the coming year, but of this tree and the many presents it holds we are certain. We can pluck the gifts of loved ones from its branches, even as I do now, and—' Just then Ole's cow jerked around her head, and she swung open, and she saw the light, let out one bellow, and made a jump like a kangaroo, yanking that tree out the door butt-end first. Then she went tearing down the road towards home, bellowing at the top of her lungs, kicking like a bay mule, and snatching that tree along behind like a plug tied to a dog's tail. Ole came in to tell me about it the next day. 'Dat old keecker, she never unt feel she gets to mae place,' he said, 'unt de presents all along de road. Unt de peoples day say ef day can geet de tree, dat day stand heem oop, unt day leech Ole on heem. So me and mae voo-man ve spend all de night peeking oop de t'ings vid a lantern unt carrying dem back. But ve tank some of dem geet lost en de snow after all.'"

"Did you take the cow over to your father-in-law's this morning?" I said to him.

"His face got as long as a fiddle, and then he said: 'Yah, aye tek her ofer. Unt mek a grin on hees face, unt he say, 'Dat's perty nice, Ole.' Den after a while aye poot to heem, 'Hoo mooch for dat team of work-horses?' Unt de old feller hae say voo hundred and seventy-five. Den aye feel like aye vish de cow she might keek me forty rod, like she do de meek-pail."

"I always felt rather sorry for Ole because his scheme failed; but all of us ship up our plans once in a while."—[From the Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for December.]

Each Week's Events

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Events move so rapidly nowadays, so many things of interest come up every 24 hours, that the busy man misses a good many of them, fails to hear of them, or, in the hurry of his affairs, overlooks the reports of a large number which his daily paper chronicles. Every once in a while he sits back and wants to know as quickly as may be what has happened of importance since he last had a chance to pause. It is because of these conditions that the weekly newspaper, keeps so strong a hold upon the people in general.

Conspicuous among those papers which merit the adjective "good" is the weekly edition of the Boston Journal. The news of the world is there, a record of the important events that have come to pass within the previous seven days, carefully edited, skillfully arranged, so that none of the reader's time, and no one need feel that he is behind the times when he reads the Weekly Boston Journal. Stanch in its adherence to republican principles, and strong in the hearts of the people firmly its place in the New England States.

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THE TOWNS AROUND.

WEST CONCORD.

At the annual visit and election of officers of Woodbury Post, G. A. R., and W. R. C., which was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present and the following officers elected by the G. A. R.: Com., D. A. Pike; S. V., Wm. Pratt; J. V., George Quimby; Q. M., O. B. Cutting; chaplain, C. L. Stacy; O. D., George Paris; O. G., O. D. Cobleigh; surgeon, Dr. R. T. Johnson; delegate, Wm. Pratt; alternate, George Quimby. Officers of W. R. C.: Pres., Mrs. Viola Stacy; S. V., Mrs. Gertrude Reed; J. V., Mrs. Martha Cobleigh; treas., Mrs. Annette Forsaith; conductor, Miss Lola Quimby; guard, Mrs. Lois Cutting; chaplain, Mrs. Rhoda Ripley; delegate, Mrs. Gertrude Reed; alternate, Mrs. Martha Cobleigh.

M. G. Jeffers of Gallup Mills was in town a few days the past week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Ford of Miles Pond are at the West Concord House, where Mrs. Ford has been engaged as a cook.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Universalist church, Friday evening, Dec. 24, and at the Methodist church Saturday evening, Dec. 25.

J. D. Frye has been visiting friends in town for the past week.

Dr. R. T. Johnson has been suffering severely with two quinsy sores for a week past, but is now better.

HARDWICK.

C. H. Goodrich is helping at the music store.

Mrs. Dennison Chubb received \$2000, the face of an insurance policy on her late husband's life.

L. S. Ford and Mrs. Drown were joined in marriage at the home of the bride Saturday evening. The newly wedded couple will reside on Cherry street.

On account of the illness of Rev. F. P. Lewis, Mrs. Read, temperance worker, filled the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday last.

The law suit of E. P. Fairman v. L. S. Ford, set for trial at this term of court, was not suited. The suit of C. L. French v. S. C. Haskell was referred.

The suits of Trow v. Thomas and Crane v. Darling from this town will be tried by jury.

Quite a number of cases of croup and pneumonia was the result of the bad weather of late.

Martin W. Fay, who has been quite seriously ill, was reported some better on Saturday.

The electric plant is not yet in working order. All things come in due time.

A bell school was held at the Baptist church last week. At that time the new bell was completely paid for.

The post office fight is being waged at intervals.

E. H. Allen, who is working for a rubber company in Boston, is at present at home. Mr. Allen expects to go to Maine soon to take charge of a factory there located.

No sleighing as yet. Wheeling is very poor.

H. R. Mack has an office in Marshall's new brick block on Main street. Mr. Mack deals in a nice dark granite from his own quarry on the Buffalo mountain. This is one of the finest granites to be found in the state and it takes a deplorable polish.

LYNDON.

A Windfall.

G. W. Reed of West Charleston, a former resident of this village is here this week visiting friends of his wife, Emma, daughter of the late Ed. Hosmer. Mr. Reed formerly worked in the Lyndon Carriage Co., went west for his wife's health, but returned to his old home in West Charleston a year ago to settle an interest in property in his father's estate in Atlantic City, N. J. In 1865 his father purchased a lot there, 50x160, which, with other property purchased from him, some partly in different places and sold off, left the cost of the Jersey lot at about nothing and two years after the purchase it was worth about nothing, as a tidal wave took the top off and left the lot under water. For 20 years it was not taxed, was regarded a waste and the family forgot it practically. But four years ago the government built a breakwater near the breakwater the Reed lot raised its back above the water surface, and the Reed family got information of the fact and began to inquire if there was any value in the abandoned property. Lawyer Gleason of Lyndonville was employed to go down there, succeeded in selling the lot to a Mr. Cook, proprietor of the Senate House, for \$6200. The money is now deposited in banks waiting an order of court which has been obtained for its distribution. The heirs are Mrs. J. C. George, Raymond W. Leonard (minor), and G. W. Reed, all of West Charleston village.—[Union.]

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hall, Jr., entertained a party of their Lyndon Center and Lyndonville friends at their home here Saturday evening. The evening was devoted to games and a social time and the company was treated to a splendid repast. The guests departed at a late hour leaving hearty good wishes for a long and prosperous life for the happy young couple.

The Congregational vestry is much improved with new paint and paper.

A Christmas entertainment with Christmas tree will be held in the Congregational church next week Friday evening. Mrs. Trull's Junior Christian Endeavorers will repeat the performance. "The Junior Garden," so successfully given a few weeks ago. The ladies of the church are also preparing a literary and musical program.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gage left last week for Manchester, N. H., to be gone about three months. Their house will be occupied during their absence by Charles Parker and family.

Roy Wilcomb has returned to Burlington to finish his course at a business college.

Vermont State Grange.

The 26th annual meeting of the Vermont State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, met in Springfield last week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. State Master C. J. Bell, president, was in the chair and the morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to routine work. The reports showed that the order is in good condition in this state. A public meeting was held in the Universalist church Wednesday evening, which was crowded to the door. George F. Leland, president of the village, gave the State Grange a hearty welcome to the town and worthy Master C. J. Bell responded. L. M. Cragin extended a cordial welcome in behalf of the local grange and State Lecturer R. B. Galusha responded. It was expected that Gov. Grout would be present, but having been ill, by the advice of his physician, he did not come. C. W. Scarff of Burlington read a paper called a "Ray of Sunshine." Hon. Alpha Messer, the national lecturer, M. S. Stone, superintendent of education, and George W. Pierce, secretary of the State Dairyman's association, made interesting addresses. Excellent music was furnished by the Springfield orchestra.

Thursday was devoted mostly to business. The report of the worthy secretary showed that nine new granges have been organized during the past year. The treasurer's report showed that the finances of the State Grange are in good shape, with \$777.50 on hand. The election of members of the executive committee to succeed Hon. Alpha Messer and F. G. Taylor, resulted in the choice of A. Messer and L. T. Story. Resolutions were adopted in regard to the payment of Pomona dues and commending the work of State Supt. M. S. Stone, for the work he has done in his official capacity.

In the afternoon the committee on double taxation gave their report, which was read by Hon. Alpha Messer in the absence of Hon. Cassius Peck, the chairman of the committee. The pith of the report was that the owner of real estate should be relieved from taxation to the extent of his indebtedness and that the mortgagee or lender of the money should pay a tax of one and a half percent on the amount of the loan. The question was freely and ably discussed by several members and, then Bro. Bennett moved that the report be recommitted to the committee with power to formulate a bill to present to the legislature. The motion prevailed. Bro. Priest invited the State Grange to hold its next session at Randolph. Bro. Hallet invited the Grange to St. Johnsbury. Invitations were extended to the Grange to meet at Bethel and other places, and the matter was left to the executive committee to decide. During the noon recess the Grange visited the new high and graded school building, one of the finest and largest in the state, built at a cost of \$50,000, and witnessed the fire drill given to the children, which was exceedingly interesting. An evening session was held and over three hundred participated. After the banquet post-prandial exercises took the time until midnight. Excellent work was done in degree work by Brattleboro and Springfield granges, many thinking it had never been equalled.

The routine work of the order was taken up Friday until adjournment. The visiting officers and members express unbounded satisfaction at the reception accorded them and carry away pleasant recollections, and a better knowledge of the importance and capabilities of Springfield and its people.

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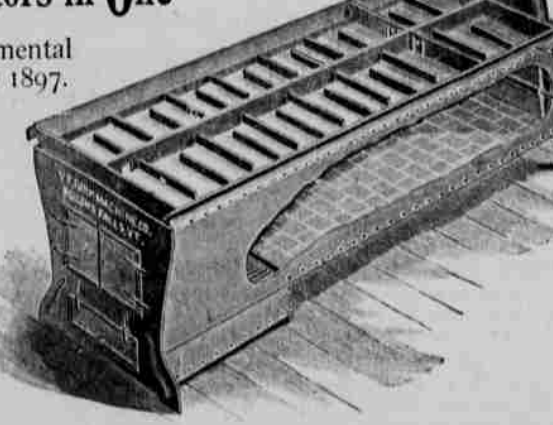
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Probate of Will.

EZRA A. PARKS' ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1897. An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Ezra A. Parks late of Waterford, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by William S. Boynton the executor therein named, for probate. It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1897, and show cause, if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing. By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

A true copy of Record, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Presentation of Account.

CARLOS NEWTON'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 3d day of December, A. D. 1897. Simon Huss, Administrator upon the estate of Carlos Newton late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said court that said account and said application be referred to a session of said court, to be held at the Probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 25th day of December, A. D. 1897, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made. By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

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Commissioners' Notice.

GEORGE W. FELCH'S ESTATE.

The subscribers, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Caledonia, Commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of George W. Felch, late of Waterford, in said district, deceased, and the term of six months from the 24th day of November, 1897, being allowed by said court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the dwelling house of the late George W. Felch in Waterford, in said district, on the 20th day of December, 1897, and the 27th day of May 1898 next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on each of said days.

G. W. Winslow, T. M. Keith, Commissioners.

Dec. 4, A. D. 1897.

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